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Marilyn Morrell- Kristal, chair of the Adult Leagues Committee ("ALC" or "Committee"), called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

**Committee Members Present:** Michael Bedard, Carol Kim, Marilyn Morrell-Kristal (chair), Andrew Ngo, Jeff Sherman, Jon Toney

**USTA NorCal Staff Present:** Michelle Wilson

### **1. Computer Ratings**

The Committee was informed about how computer ratings are generated. They were educated that players need to play 3 matches in an Adult League to get a computer rating or 3 matches in a Mixed League to get a Mixed rating. It was also noted that self-rated players need to play 3 matches against computer rated players to generate a computer rating. The Committee was also informed that results from Combo Leagues and Tri-Level do not count towards ratings.

### **2. Combo Leagues Counting for Ratings**

During the discussion about computer ratings, the committee was made aware that Combo Leagues do not count towards ratings. It was also explained that Combo is a NorCal exclusive league that does not advance to Nationals and that Combo not counting towards ratings is a NorCal decision, under the Adult League Committee jurisdiction. It was shared with the Committee that Combo does not count for ratings in order to have a league that helps promote the social aspects of adult leagues as opposed to more of a competitive league. It was brought up that once competition starts there is a competitive aspect to Combo and all members then agreed that Combo should count towards ratings.

Following discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That the Self-Rate Appeals Committee makes the recommendation to the Adult League Committee that Combo Leagues Counts towards ratings.

Rationale: Having Combo Leagues count towards ratings will allow more matches to count towards year-end ratings and will also hold players more accountable in terms of the divisions that they register for.

### **3. Computer Rating Appeals**

It was explained on the NTRP Self-Rate Committee that if a computer rated player wants to appeal his/her rating, he/she must go through the auto appeal process. If a player auto appeals, the system immediately tells them if their appeal is granted. If the player is close to the rating they are appealing to and is within the range set by USTA, their appeal will be granted. If a player auto appeals and their appeal was not granted, they may not appeal again for 1 year.

### **4. Age Appeals**

Staff presented the 2023 National Regulations regarding age appeals and the rules were discussed by Committee.

### **5. Medical Appeals**

The Committee briefly discussed Medical Appeals. It was noted that the Medical Appeals are reviewed by the Medical Appeals Committee.

### **6. Ratings Abbreviations**

The Committee discussed the rating abbreviations in the documentation that are sent to them to review. It was requested that Staff provide an abbreviation list defining what all of the abbreviations mean.

- 7. Pro notes.** The process of requesting pro-notes from players was discussed. It was discussed that
- When requested by the Committee NorCal staff would send a Pro-note request to a player within 48 hours.
  - NorCal staff would send a template email requesting the information be completed and returned within a week.
  - The Committee will make decision based on the information provided in initial appeal if no additional information is provided by the deadline.

**8. Committee Member Responses to Appeals**

The Committee discussed the format in which email responses regarding self-rate appeals should be to have a more uniform way of responding and make the responses easier to read by other committee members and staff.

**9. NTRP Self-Rate Appeals Training**

Staff informed the Committee that USTA National will be doing a self-rate appeal training for the Committee on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30pm. The committee members were highly encouraged to attend the training.

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.